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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Nobuaki SUGITA**

Group Art Unit: 1745

Serial No.: **09/528,986**

Examiner: **Mark Ruthkosky**

Filed: **March 20, 2000**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **5980**

For: **SEALED BATTERY WITH LESS ELECTROLYTE LEAKAGE**

REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 24, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer dated November 29, 2002, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.